

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2005, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has indicated that claims 8 and 15 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 8 and 15 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-7, 9-14 and 16 have been canceled from the present application. Consequently, Applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

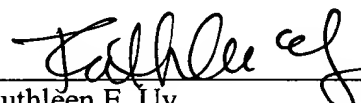
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